

Exhibit A

Patent
Attorney Docket No. SYR-DPP-IV-5004

ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

TAKEDA SAN DIEGO, INC., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, having its place of business at 10410 Science Center Drive, San Diego, California 92121, and being formerly known as Syrrx, Inc. (See Exhibit A) (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNOR") invented certain inventions for which the following applications for patents were filed:

Serial Number	Title	Filing Date	Country
60/457,785	Dipeptidyl Peptidase Inhibitors	3/25/2003	US
10/809,636	Dipeptidyl Peptidase Inhibitors	3/24/2004	US
10/809,637	Dipeptidyl Peptidase Inhibitors	3/24/2004	US
10/809,638	Dipeptidyl Peptidase Inhibitors	3/24/2004	US
10/809,635	Dipeptidyl Peptidase Inhibitors	3/24/2004	US
PCT/US04/09217	Dipeptidyl Peptidase Inhibitors	3/24/2004	PCT
2,518,465	Dipeptidyl Peptidase Inhibitors	3/24/2004	CA
2004/80011900.0	Dipeptidyl Peptidase Inhibitors	3/24/2004	CN
04758366.1	Dipeptidyl Peptidase Inhibitors	3/24/2004	EPO
Not Yet Assigned	Dipeptidyl Peptidase Inhibitors	3/24/2004	JP
7018103/2005	Dipeptidyl Peptidase Inhibitors	9/26/2005	KOREA

TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY LIMITED, a Japanese corporation having its principal office at 1-1, Doshomachi 4-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka, Japan (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the exclusive right, title and interest in, to and under said invention and in, to and under any Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States of America, its territorial possessions and in any and all countries foreign thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns, transfers and sets over unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention and to all Letters Patent or application or similar legal protection, not only in the United States and its territorial possessions, but in all countries foreign thereto to be obtained for said invention by said application, and to any

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continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof or any legal equivalent thereof in the United States or a foreign country for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted, including all priority rights under the International Convention; and ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks and any officials of foreign countries whose duty it is to issue patents or any legal equivalent thereof to said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, in accordance with this Assignment.

ASSIGNOR hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this Agreement.

ASSIGNOR further covenants that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNOR and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representative any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents in the United States or in any foreign country, which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

WITNESS my hand at San Diego, California, this 11th day of January, 2006.

TAKEDA SAN DIEGO, INC.

Signed: David J. Weitz
Name: David J. Weitz
Title: General Counsel & V.P. of I.P.

State of California
Secretary of State

NAME CHANGE
CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION

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I, **BRUCE McPHERSON**, Secretary of State of the State of California, hereby certify that on the **19th day of April, 2005**, there was filed in this office an Amended Statement and Designation by Foreign Corporation whereby the corporate name of **SYRRX, INC.**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, was changed to **TAKEDA SAN DIEGO, INC.**. This corporation complied with the requirements of California law in effect on that date for the purpose of qualifying to transact intrastate business in the State of California and as of said date has been and is qualified and authorized to transact intrastate business in the State of California, subject however, to any licensing requirements otherwise imposed by the laws of this State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this
certificate and affix the Great Seal
of the State of California this day
of April 29, 2005.



BRUCE McPHERSON
Secretary of State